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The reply brief filed 10/9/06 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Status of Claims After Reply Brief:

Claim 1 remains rejected under 35 USC 101 and 35 USC 112, first paragraph for reasons of record.

**Advisory**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nirmal S. Basi whose telephone number is 571-272-0868. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM-5:30 PM.

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